

ANNUAL REPORT

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**Organization of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE—1927-1928**

Hector LeClair, Chairman, 139 Hartwell St.	1928
Pierre Lafortune, 27 Chestnut St.	1928
Hector L. Peloquin, 98 Hamilton St.	1929
Arthur O. Boyer, 415 Hamilton St.	1929
Mrs. Dudley H. Clarke, 120 Glover	1930
Mrs. John I. Beck, 27 Cliff St.	1930

Repairs Committee

Arthur O. Boyer, Chairman

Hector L. Peloquin	Pierre LaFortune
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Superintendent of Schools

Fred E. Corbin, residence: 24 Everett St., Tel. 365-R

Office: Town Hall Building, Tel. 365-W

The superintendent's office is open on school days from
8 to 11.30 A. M. and 1.30 to 5.00 P. M. Saturdays: 9 to
12 A. M. Monday and Wednesday evenings: 7.00 to
7.30 P. M.

Superintendent's Clerk

Leona V. Lafortune, 27 Chestnut St. Tel. 404-W

School Physician

Dr. Charles Simpson, 186 Hamilton St., Tel. 326

School Nurse

Winifred V. King, 58 Chapin St., Tel. 459-W

Attendance Officer

Margaret G. Butler, 29 Marcy St., Tel. 615-W

School Calendar—1928

Winter term, eight weeks, January 3 to February 25.

Spring term, eight weeks, March 5 to April 28

Summer term, eight weeks, May 7 to June 30

No-School Signals

1-1-1 on fire alarm at 8 a. m. No school for primary grades

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 8 a. m. No school for any grade

1-1-1 on fire alarm at 11.30 a. m. One session

1-1-1 on fire alarm at 12.30. Afternoon session for all
schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The School Committee herewith submit the following report of the finances of the School Department of the town for the year closing December 31, 1927, together with their recommendations of appropriations for the coming year. As to all matters connected with the policy and management of the schools, the committee refer to the report of the superintendent of schools, Mr. E. F. Corbin, which is hereby submitted as a part of our report

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts—Appropriation	\$153,000.00
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S. Government ..	1,950.51
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	\$154,950.51

Expenditures—General Control \$5,900.17

High School—Teachers \$21,610.00

Janitors 1,302.96

Janitors' supplies 92.27

Gas & electricity 611.21

Text books 957.02

Supplies 1,401.51

Miscellaneous 343.51

Repairs 841.03

Fuel 1,970.00

Water 265.44

New equipment 2,818.53

Telephone 93.55 \$32,307.03

Elementary—Teachers \$58,376.25

Janitors 6,088.68

Janitors supplies 243.22

Fuel 4,523.10

Gas & Electricity 105.04

Water 551.65

Health 2,115.00

Transportation 3,248.86

New equipment	633.48	
Text books	1,370.82	
Repairs	3,782.88	
Supplies	1,428.60	
Miscellaneous	1,123.45	\$83,591.03
Vocational School—Teachers	\$17,754.25	
Books	210.23	
Repairs	10.98	
New equipment	457.64	
Supplies	1,554.43	
Electricity, power	107.28	
Telephone	39.10	
Miscellaneous	416.95	\$20,550.86
Continuation School—Teachers ...	\$7,738.52	
New equipment	39.00	
Books	13.50	
Electricity, power	132.00	
Supplies	531.56	
Miscellaneous	340.01	
Telephone	31.49	\$8,826.08
Factory Classes—Teachers	\$1,291.00	
Miscellaneous	18.25	
Books75	\$1,310.00
Evening Schools—Teachers	\$2,297.00	
Gas & electricity	35.42	
Supplies	107.89	
Books	21.36	
Miscellaneous	3.50	\$2,465.17
Total expenditures	\$154,950.34	
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 192817

RECEIPTS RETURNED TO TOWN TREASURER

Massachusetts School Fund	\$10,449.00	
Vocational School State Grant ...	5,681.81	
Smith-Hughes U. S. Gov. Fund ...	1,950.51	
Factory Classes, A. O. Co.	461.75	
Factory Classes, H. W. Co.	109.50	
Factory Classes, state grant	852.13	
High School tuition	3,070.00	
Elementary School tuition	150.00	
Vocational School tuition	1,974.00	
Evening Vocational School tuition ..	28.00	
Car tickets sold	90.20	
Supplies sold	2.45	
Athletic Association, toll calls	22.15	
Schools, toll calls	1.25	
Use of hall	10.75	
Continuation School, state	4,571.84	
Evening School, voc. state	1,062.50	
Continuation School tuition	133.32	\$30,621.16

Net cost to the town—\$122,378.84

As shown above the net cost of the schools for the year 1927 was \$122,378.84.

With the steady growth of the school population there is naturally an increase in expenses. It is to be noted, however, that the town has receipts amounting to approximately one fifth of the total expenditures.

The financial committee at their meeting with the school board last spring requested that the school bills be kept to a minimum owing to the general business depression in town. It was therefore agreed to reduce the school budget by \$3,000, the reduction to be taken from the repair bills. Since that time the state inspector has ordered changes to be made at School Street and at Marcy Street.

The changes were made at School Street at a cost of \$592.65 and the estimated cost for changes at Marcy

Street is \$2,400 which must be added to the next year's budget.

The notable event in school history for the year has been the gift of the late Miss Ella M. Cole to the town. Namely: the gift of \$100,000 for the building of a vocational school as a memorial to her father and the gift of \$3,000 the income of which is to be used for the benefit of needy children attending the public schools.

The committee having in mind the growth of the schools had an article inserted in the 1926 warrant calling for the appointment of a building committee to consider the erection of another school building but owing to high rate of taxation and the depression in business had decided that they would not be justified in asking the voters for money to erect a new building.

The gift of \$100,000 was therefore especially opportune as the schools were overcrowded and the vocational school had outgrown its quarters. The building is now under construction and will be turned over to the town in April 1928.

The rooms vacated by this school will be utilized by the high and grammar grades.

Respectfully submitted,

HECTOR M. LeCLAIR, Chairman

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee of Southbridge:

I have the pleasure to present to you my twenty-sixth annual report, it being the forty-third of the series of reports issued by the superintendents of the public schools of this town. Throughout this report the year relative to attendance extends from September 1926 to July 1927; the year relative to expenditures from January 1, 1927 to January 1, 1928.

STATISTICS—I. Population and Valuation

Population of town, census of 1920	15,489
Assessed valuation of town	\$12,450,885
Number of polls, male	4,285

Rate of taxation	\$34.00
Valuation of school houses and lots	\$447,400
Valuation of other school property	\$31,800

II. School Houses

School houses—occupied 11, unoccupied 1	
School rooms—occupied 52, unoccupied 0	
Number of sittings	1,945

III. Teachers

Number of male teachers	10
Number of female teachers	50
Number of special teachers, females	3
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	63

IV. Pupils

Number of children in town October 1, as reported
by the census enumerator:

	1926	1927
Between the ages of 5 and 16	3368	3222
Between the ages of 5 and 7	544	535
Between the ages of 7 and 14	2264	2156
Between the ages of 14 and 16	560	531
Number 16 years of age and over	184	136
Total enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1660	1699
Average membership	1548	1554
Average daily attendance	1474	1526
Number between 5 and 7	112	184
Number between 7 and 14	1092	1094
Number between 14 and 16	276	263
Number over 16 years of age	172	121
Number enrolled at NOTRE DAME	765	728
Number between 5 and 7	156	138
Number between 7 and 14	569	503
Number between 14 and 16	39	93
Number over 16	0	0
Average membership	703	683

	1926	1927
Average attendance	664	654
Number of teachers	14	14
Number enrolled at SACRED HEART	468	471
Number between 5 and 7	87	92
Number between 7 and 14	380	364
Number between 14 and 16	33	20
Number over 16 years of age	0	0
Average membership	490	451
Average attendance	468	435
Number of teachers	9	9
Number enrolled at ST. MARY'S	197	212
Number between 5 and 7	24	23
Number between 7 and 14	113	141
Number between 14 and 16	33	30
Average membership	179	196
Average attendance	166	185
Number of teachers	8	8
Number of pupils over 16 years of age	12	15
Number enrolled at DAY SCHOOL	31	19
Number between 5 and 7	6	5
Number between 7 and 14	25	14
Number between 14 and 16	0	0
Average membership	29	18
Average daily attendance	26	17
Number of teachers	3	2

COST PER PUPIL

Total expenses for the grades	\$83,591.03
Cost per pupil based on total enrollment	\$60.44
Cost per pupil based on average membership	\$64.80
Total expenses for high school	\$32,307.03
Cost per pupil based on total enrollment	\$101.28
Cost per pupil based on average membership ...	\$109.15

PHYSICAL TESTS

Children examined 1705	Eyes defective 261
Ears defective 26	Parents notified 193

CHANGE OF TEACHERS—Resigned

June	Ethel B. Smith	High
June	Marion Horton	High
June	Charlotte Belknap	Grade VII
June	Maud Forsythe	Grade V
June	Lillian Collamore	Grade III
June	Jane Farquhar	Grade II
June	Margaret Tait	Assistant

Appointed

January	Charlotte Belknap	Grade VII
September	Frances Troy	High
September	Janet Height	High
September	Dorothy Dige	Grade VII
September	Catherine Brick	Grade V
September	Lillian Loungeaway	Grade III
September	Gloria Boucher	I-II-III
September	Laurenda Boyer	Assistant

CORPS OF TEACHERS—January 1, 1928

	1st Appt.	Grade	Educated
F. E. Corbin	1886	Supt.	Williams' Col.
High			
*John T. Gibbons	1921	Science	Harvard Univ.
Harry McMahon	1926	Science	Holy Cross
Ethel F. Putnam	1922	Latin	Middlebury
Kathryn H. Finnegan	1922	French, Spanish	Middlebury
Mary Dempsey	1926	English	Smith
Janet Height	1927	Mathematics	Boston Univ.
Dorothy Dartt	1925	History	Mt. Holyoke
Claudia Dube	1926	French & Gen. Science	
			N. H. State
Thecla Fitzgerald	1926	English	Radcliffe
Apolline M. Aucoin	1920	Commercial	Worcester Nor.
Mary Kennedy	1924	Commercial	Simmons
Frances Troy	1927	Commercial	Salem Normal
Winona Libby	1926	Commercial	Boston University
Vocational			
*James Forbes	1919	Science	London, Eng. Tech
Henry B. Holmes	1926	Textiles	Lowell Textile
Nils Engstrom	1920	Electricity	Amherst A. C.
Robert Kingston	1922	Shop Inst.	Lowell Institute
Emery Lavallee	1926	Drawing	Worcester Polytechnic

	1st Appt.	Grade	Educated
Herman Persson	1927	Machinery	I. C. S., Scranton
Continuation			
*Frederick Vantura	1920	English	Hyannis Normal
Frank T. Winston	1922	Manual Training	Tufts
Mary Meagher	1887	English	Southbridge High
Anna Lundergan	1925	Domestic Science	Framingham Normal
Marcy Street Grammar			
*Laura Desmarais	1922	VIII	St. Anne's Acad.
Grace B. Noyes	1923	VIII	Putnam High
Elizabeth Hall	1916	VII	Colby
Blanche Merchant	1922	VII	Framingham Nor.
Dorothy Dige	1925	VII	Framingham Normal
Blanche Harwood	1903	VI	Southbridge High
Mabel Joy	1915	VI	Westfield Nor.
Bertha Wallace	1922	VI	Hyannis Nor.
Julia Yott	1917	VI	Fitchburg Nor.
Isabel Spielman	1925	Asst.	Southbridge High
Marcy Street Elementary			
*Mary Boardman	1891	II	Southbridge High
Annie Marcy	1900	V	Worcester Nor.
May Simpson	1911	V.	Worcester Nor.
Catherine Brick	1927	V & VI	Our Lady of the Elms
Alice Wixted	1926	IV	North Adams Nor.
Irene Gough	1914	III	School of Dom. Science
Mary Chase	1906	III	Home School
Bertha Foley	1912	II	Worcester Nor.
Laurenda Boyer	1927	Asst.	Boston University
Mechanic Street			
*Jennie Munroe	1905	IV	Bridgewater Nor.
Julia Morrill	1914	III	St. Joseph's Nor.
Alice Clafin	1923	II	1 Worcester Normal
Mabel Chamberlain	1902	I	Southbridge High
School Street			
*Agnes Meagher	1886	IV	Southbridge High
Lillian Loungeway	1927	III	Worcester Normal
Mary Prendergast	1918	II	Southbridge High
Jeannette Stone	1898	I	Southbridge High
Fire Station			
*Marie J. Saunders	1924	V	West Chester Nor.
Dorothy Harwood	1924	VI	Westfield Nor.

	1st Appt.	Grade	Educated
River Street			
*Mary Ellis	1882	I	Southbridge High
Edith Randall	1920	II	Southbridge High
Alice Fitzpatrick	1925	III-IV	Our Lady of the Elms
Edith Perkins	1924	V	Salem Nor.
Elm Street			
Mary McCabe	1890	I	Quincy Training
Sandersdale			
Gloria Boucher	1927	I-II-III	Bridgewater Normal
Dennison			
Corrine Beaudreau	1924	I-VI	Southbridge High
Lebanon Hill			
Pauline M. Roy	1923	I-VIII	Westfield Nor.
Town Hall School			
*Mary Butler	1902	I	Southbridge High
Eliza Beighe	1923	I	Worcester Nor.
Alice M. Oliff	1924	Drawing	Normal Art School
Rosalie McGrath	1926	Music	N. E. Conservatory
Louise B. Corbin	1924	Dom. Science	Wheaton
Margaret Butler	1892	Asst.	Southbridge High
Helen Rowley		Substitute	Wellesley
*Principals			

STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS
School Year Ending July 1, 1927

					Aver.		
	Bys.	Gls.	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of At.
High School	143	176	319	319	289.06	295.98	97.57
High School VIII	26	18	44	44	37.76	39.17	96.28
High School VIII	23	19	42	42	36.58	37.55	97.43
High School VIII	17	23	40	43	34.48	36.29	95.02
High School VII	23	19	42	43	36.53	37.98	96.16
High School VII	21	20	41	42	37.68	38.68	97.41
High School VII	21	24	45	46	36.85	38.80	94.91
High School VI&VII	19	23	42	42	37.43	39.05	95.85
High School VI	17	22	39	41	36.66	38.53	95.14
High School VI	18	23	41	42	35.03	36.53	95.18
Engine House VI	16	13	29	30	27.48	28.18	97.51
Marcy Street V&VI	17	27	44	45	41.43	43.55	95.14
Marcy Street V	23	26	49	50	46.77	48.30	96.64
Marcy Street V	25	24	49	49	45.12	46.97	96.05
River Street V	22	14	36	36	29.91	31.41	95.25
Engine House V	18	20	38	43	35.83	37.21	96.29
Marcy Street IV	26	24	50	50	45.86	47.22	97.05
Mechanic Street IV	22	17	39	42	38.06	39.06	97.43
School Street IV	19	15	34	37	30.01	31.05	96.69
Marcy Street III&IV	28	17	45	44	39.16	40.89	95.77
River Street III&IV	22	21	43	44	40.20	41.32	97.30
Marcy Street III	29	18	47	45	38.26	41.31	94.29
Mechanic Street III	24	16	40	40	36.18	37.41	96.71
School Street III	16	14	30	30	24.56	26.21	93.59
Marcy Street II	19	12	31	35	31.12	32.85	95.09
Marcy Street II	18	13	31	30	27.40	28.54	96.00
Mechanic Street II	18	14	32	34	27.75	28.33	97.95
River Street II	14	20	34	37	29.62	30.37	97.56
School Street II	17	16	33	41	33.54	35.00	95.77
Mechanic Street I	24	17	41	36	33.36	34.65	96.28
River Street I	17	18	35	39	32.68	33.02	97.73
School Street I	12	18	30	36	28.79	29.98	96.11
Elm Street I	18	13	31	33	26.89	28.93	92.00
Town Hall N	12	19	31	31	28.84	30.59	94.35
Town Hall S	17	18	35	34	31.69	33.60	93.45
Dennison Dist. I-VI	13	7	20	22	17.37	17.97	96.54

					Aver.		
				Tot.	Daily	Aver.	P. C.
	Bys.	Gls.	Tot.	Mem.	Att.	Mem.	of At.
Lebanon Hill I-VII	11	9	20	22	16.32	17.70	92.20
Sandersdale I-II-III	21	9	30	30	24.87	25.83	96.25
	866	836	1702	1749	1527.13	1586.01	95.89
Continuation School	110	110	220	220	26.69	139.01	97.82
Vocational School	115		115	115	79.87	82.11	98.24
Evening Schools							
High	28	169	197	197	122.49	144.07	85.19
Mechanic	23	41	64	64	46.26	55.87	82.67
River	9	17	26	26	17.06	19.71	87.99
	60	227	287	287	185.81	219.65	85.28
Total membership of all schools 2,371							

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE October 1, 1926—BOYS

	A g e																				
Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Tot				
I	16	58	24	7	6	4											115				
II		15	40	21	7	3	1		1								88				
III			1	12	42	20	15	4			3	1					98				
IV				2	14	29	29	13	6	1	4						98				
V						5	28	30	13	8	8	5	1				98				
VI							8	18	15	15	8	4					68				
VII							1	16	20	19	14	4	1				75				
VIII								1	18	23	13	7	2	1			65				
IX									4	15	19	6	5			1	50				
X									1	1	8	10	4	2			26				
XI										1	4	8	19	8			40				
XII												1	3	8	9	1	22				
Total	16	74	78	84	67	88	83	77	84	81	46	35	19	9	2		843				

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

October 1, 1926—GIRLS

Grade	A g e																			Tot
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20				
I	9	74	17	5	3														108	
II		16	34	20	10	1													81	
III			9	27	16	8	1	4	1										66	
IV				14	38	12	8	6	1	1	2								82	
V				1	10	46	18	12	8	2									97	
VI					1	7	26	25	17	5	4	1							86	
VII						1	18	24	21	11	3								78	
VIII							2	15	32	7	3								59	
IX								2	20	23	11	3	1	1					61	
X									1	15	18	8				1			43	
XI											4	8	10	5	1				28	
XII												10	11	15	13	4			53	
Total	9	90	60	67	78	75	73	89	100	68	59	33	21	15	5				842	

SCHOOL SAVINGS

From the establishment of the School Savings system in 1912 the amount saved by the pupils in our town has steadily increased.

The annual report of the American Bankers Association for the year ending June 30, 1927 gives the following statistics:

Number of schools reporting	12,678
Number of pupils participating	3,815,785
Net savings	\$9,464,178
San Jose, Cal.	\$19.79
Emeryville, Cal.	13.06
Woodbury, Conn.	12.84
Prospect Park, N. J.	12.31
Peekskill, N. Y.	12.21
Beverly Hills, Cal.	10.05
Bryan, Ohio	10.05
Tulsa, Oklahoma	10.05
Schenectady, N. Y.	9.93
Southbridge, Mass.	9.44

The fact that Southbridge stands tenth in the United States in average net per depositor shows very commendable work.

The following is the amount of deposits for the year ending October 1, 1927:

Marcy Street Elementary	\$2,181.57
Mechanic Street School	1,086.70
School Street School	993.03
Engine House School	446.42
River Street School	1,466.75
Marcy Street Grammar	1,439.77
Dennison District School	17.12
Town Hall School	579.77

Total deposits	<u>\$8,211.13</u>
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Number of scholars in schools participating	1,277
Number enrolled depositors	687
Per Cent participating	53%
Number of deposits	14,287
Transferred to pass books	\$6,343.27
Previously deposited	\$38,137.38
Total deposits to Oct. 31, 1927	\$44,480.55
New Books issued	183
Average deposits, 1926	\$10.98
Average deposits, 1927	\$11.95

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Owing to the gradual overcrowding of the various school buildings, the committee of 1926 had inserted in the warrant for the March meeting the following article:

"To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of six to consider the building of a Junior High School. Three members of this committee to be members of the School Board. The Committee to report at some future meeting, or act anything thereon."

Under this article it was voted that a committee of six be appointed and that they should report at some future meeting.

In the warrant for 1927 the committee had two articles inserted.

First: "To hear and act on the report of the committee to whom was referred the question of the building of a junior high school at the March meeting of the year 1926."

Under this article the committee reported that the overcrowded condition in the upper grades and high school would be best relieved if the vocational school department also housed in the high school building could be given separate quarters in a building especially adapted to its needs.

This would free five rooms for the use of the other schools and would probably take care of the situation for three or four years. It was voted to accept the report.

Second: "To see if the town will vote to authorize the building committee of six to procure plans and specifications, including working drawings, for a building suitable for vocational school or act anything thereon."

Under this article J. C. F. Wheelock Esq., agent for Miss Ella M. Cole, announced to the meeting that Miss Cole had set aside a sum of money for the building of a vocational school as a memorial to her father, the late Robert H. Cole.

While the amount given for this purpose was not stated, it was indicated that there would be sufficient money available for the construction of a suitable building and its equipment.

The motion was made that every voter in the hall favoring the town's acceptance of this generous gift should, out of respect and gratitude to Miss Cole signify their wish by a rising vote. It was voted unanimously.

A committee of five, Hector M. LeClair, Arthur O. Boyer, E. Benj. Armstrong, Elmer Schumacher and F. E. Corbin were appointed the building committee.

Miss Cole also gave the following bequest in her will:

"I give and bequeath the Town of Southbridge, Massachusetts, three thousand dollars. The principal shall be kept safely invested and the income therefrom shall be used for the benefit of needy children who attend the public schools of said town, and the expenditure of said income

shall be under the direction of the 'School Attendance Officer' of said town."

THE PUPIL'S TIME

There has been such a growing tendency in the past few years for every faddist and reformer to pass their bright ideas on to the schools to be worked out by the teacher and brought before the children that at a recent state meeting of the school superintendents the following resolution was passed:

"The heavy encroachment on school time by organizations outside the school is a serious hindrance to regular school work. While we recognize the worthwhile purposes of many of these organizations, we are convinced that the school program as determined by the proper educational authorities should not be interfered with by extraneous demands. School authorities should use the greatest care when they consider requests from outside interests to use the school program."

one who has no experience as a teacher does not realize what a drain it is on the nervous system for one to merely be confined in a room all day with forty or fifty pupils, when you add to this that it is the teacher's duty to see that each child is kept busy and that class recitations are going on. It is no wonder that the teacher's vitality is at a low ebb at the end of the day.

The community has discovered that the schools are a well organized machine that can be used for drives or spreading propaganda. While national reformers are calling for a week to be given to their favorite fad.

Every drive consumes the teacher's time and energy that should be spent upon her school work. Vitality used up in drives cannot be spent elsewhere.

The following are samples all worthy in their object: "Education Week," "Safety First Week," "Fire Prevention Week," "Thrift Week," "Cleanup Week," "Narcotic Education Week," "Accident Prevention Week," "Health Week."

In addition to the "weeks" there are numerous "days" supposed to be devoted to special objects as "bird day,"

“arbor day,” “mothers’ day,” “Lincoln day,” “peace day,” also drives for “Near East Relief,” to save “Old Ironsides” and erect buildings in Washington.

When President Coolidge was asked last October to issue a proclamation for an “Education Week” he declined, saying that too much repetition defeated its own end.

Should all the extra weeks and days asked for by the public be carried out the teachers would have as much time for teaching as the clerk who was asking for more pay had, seemingly, left for work.

The clerk asked for more salary and the merchant told him he could not afford to give him any more salary as he was paying him as much as his business would justify. The clerk replied he ought to get more salary—that he was very faithful to the merchant and he could not live on what he was getting, and besides that he was giving the merchant all his time.

The merchant objected to the last part of the statement, to which the clerk expressed surprise and asked the merchant to explain:

The merchant explained as follows:

Now, there are 365 days in the year. You sleep eight hours a day, that makes 122 days—you have eight hours a day for recreation—that makes 122 days more. Then there are 52 Sundays—there is half a day every Saturday that you do not work, making 26 days more. You take one and one-half hours a day for your lunch—that makes 28 days more. I give you two weeks vacation—making 14 days more. That makes a total of 364 days, and that leaves only one day, that is the fourth of July and you do not work on that day.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. CORBIN.

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools,
Southbridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Herewith is presented my sixth annual report as principal of the Mary E. Wells High School.

Attendance. School opened on the senventh of September. We had an enrollment of 360, the largest number of pupils ever in high school. As was indicated in last year's report, the school was very crowded, necessitating our using two rooms in the basement for recitation and study. These rooms were not intended to be used for that purpose as they do not have the required amount of light. This condition will be temporarily relieved however, when the rooms now used by the Vocational school are vacated.

Changes in the teaching corps. Resigned, Miss Marion Horton, teacher of Mathematics, and Miss Ethel Smith, teacher of Commercial Subjects.

Miss Janet S. Height, teacher of Mathematics, and Miss Frances Troy, teacher of Commercial Subjects, were added to the teaching force. The fact that we have such a slight overturn in our teaching corps is worthy of note because stability of organization depends in no small part on teacher turn-over.

Visual Education. As has been the policy in the past, an effort was made to bring to the community moving pictures of the better kind in literature. Among the pictures shown were "Johnstown Flood," "Ancient Mariner," "The Connecticut Yankee," "Othello" and "Treasure Island." We have also had Colonel C. H. French who talked to us on "Alaska." In addition we have had single reel pictures to supplement class room work.

Extra Curricula Activities. The school tries to maintain a healthy balance between the work of the classroom and other activities connected with the school in which the students engage. It is our desire to have as many students as possible active in physical education

of one kind or another, because through them we believe the child is made better physically and feel that there is great value in character training to be derived from activities of this sort.

The following is a list of successful activities of the past year: The Junior and Senior class plays, the Glee Club Concert, the playlet, "Today's Court of Honor" written and staged by Miss Elizabeth Higgins. The work of the Crafts Club and the Welliads; the continued success of the Crimson and Gray, the school paper; the continued success of athletics, both from a financial point of view and from an educational point of view. During the past year the American Legion, the Gibraltar Club, and the American Optical Company have been very kind in extending to us their help and we here at the school, take this means of expressing our gratitude to them. To the newspapers which have been so helpful we are also indebted.

Education Week was observed again this year and Parents' Night saw 225 people in the school to observe the work carried on under natural conditions.

Health Talks. This past year we have had talks on health from Miss King, the school nurse, and Miss Anna Johnson, the head of the Massachusetts Anti-Tuberculosis League, and from Dr. Oscar Dudley on the subject of correct posture in standing and sitting. Also we have had health talks delivered by Miss Sommers of the State Department of Physical Education on the relationship of physical exercise and correct posture. Dr. George of Worcester also gave a talk on Orthopedic conditions that are brought about by improper use of shoes and improper posture in standing and sitting, and also to the effect of disease in deformation and the way to recognize them and to check them.

New Equipment. We have added to our equipment five new comptometers, Dalton adding machine and several new volumes of books to our library.

Graduation. Members of last year's class are distributed as follows: 16 have entered higher institutions of learning, including Normal Schools and Colleges. All

members of the commercial course have, so far as I have been able to find out, secured work here at home or in the immediate neighborhood. The Baccalaureate Service was held in the Episcopal Church, Sunday, June 19. The sermon was delivered by Reverend Leigh Urban. Graduation exercises took place in the Town Hall, June 23. The program was as follows:

OVERTURE

St. Clair

Orchestra

PRAYER

Rev. John Wriston

ADDRESS. "The Age of Synthesis"
Gertrude Leah LeClair

SELECTION. "Cadets on Parade" Lowe
Glee Club

ADDRESS. "The Reflections of an Idle Schoolboy"
Keith Torrey Middleton

SELECTIONS. "In the Heart of the Hills" Lee
"Strumming" Woods
Glee Club and Orchestra

ADDRESS. "Education and Citizenship"
Prof. Z. W. Cocmbs

Canto Amoroso Mischa Elamn
Virginia Perrin Corttis

SELECTION. "Goodbye, Old Pals, Goodbye" Oliver

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

BENEDICTION

MARCH

Floyd

Orchestra

In closing I wish to extend to you and the School Committee my thanks for your co-operation and to my associate teachers my indebtedness for their hearty support. To the pupils I extend my thanks for their willingness to co-operate. The spirit of co-operations is essential to a successful school.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. GIBBONS.

EVENING HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools,

In presenting this my eleventh annual report of the Evening High School it gives me pleasure to outline the aims and activities of the school.

There were two terms, the first beginning September 19, closing December 15, 1927, for a Christmas recess; the second term running from January 3 to January 30, 1928, with a total of 52 nights. The enrolment of 198 pupils included 63 males and 135 females, 24 of whom entered our 7th and 8th grades. The ages ranged from 14 to 45 years; however, over 62% were between the ages of 16 and 25 years.

Following registration, which was held the evening of September 19, courses were arranged according to the demands of the pupils with this result: English, with an enrolment of 20; French, 20; Spanish, 7; Algebra, 24; bookkeeping, 33; typewriting, 69; shorthand, 40; comptometry, 33; foods, 17; clothing, 23; 7th and 8th grade English, 24; and 7th and 8th grade arithmetic, 23. Due to lack of equipment about 20 were unable to be accommodated in the clothing and typewriting classes.

The 7th and 8th grades have been run in conjunction with our Evening High School curricula to meet the need of these grades in our community. Many who left school, either for economic or other reasons without completing them, find later that they are unable to enter fields of work that attract owing to the requirements confronting them today; namely, a common school education; a satisfactory completion of one or two years' study in High School or graduation from a High School. Applicants for the position of telephone operator must now have the latter preparation; also nurses, clerks in city stores, besides many jobs in industry; students entering trade or business schools must have completed the grades. It is possible to obtain this necessary education in our evening school provided the student has ambition and will power.

Comptometry, introduced this year, has been as popular as other commercial branches. The courses given are modeled after those taught in Felt & Tarrant Comptometry schools. With six comptometers in use we were obliged to limit the period of instruction for beginners to 15 minutes that as many applicants as possible might be served.

The twenty-seven typewriters were inadequate for the large number of beginners who sought admission to that course. Several who were on our waiting list reported each night and were given the machine of any absent pupil or of one five minutes tardy. The usual work of the beginners and intermediate classes, aiming for speed and accuracy was supplemented by instruction in cleaning and care of machines, use of carbon paper, centering, tabulation and addressing envelopes.

The advanced group, consisting of 10 pupils, all graduates of a high school were offered a secretarial course in which individual budget work was done each night. One night a week 15-minute copy tests for speed and accuracy were given; three awards were received from typewriter companies, two Royal silver pins and one Remington gold pin.

The advanced class in shorthand was also composed of high school graduates who were reviewing theory work; they wrote letters, etc. in the typewriting class dictated by the shorthand instructor. The girls in the intermediate class working in offices were given needed speed practice.

In bookkeeping and accounting the instruction has been largely individual owing to the difference in background of the students, amount of time they devoted to it and their natural ability. Much outside work by the pupils evinced the interest taken in the work.

An electric sewing machine, purchased in September, was a welcome addition to the equipment of the clothing department, where garment making was successfully carried on. The use of commercial patterns, lessons in textiles, hygiene of clothing, its care and repair, suita-

bility and attractiveness were taught. At Christmas time dainty gifts of embroidery, vestee sets, collar and cuff sets and yarn flowers varied the work. Three hats to complete costumes made in class were constructed and one hat remodeled. In all seventy articles were completed including 15 dresses two piece and one piece, of flannel, jersey, velvet, crepe, silk and gingham; and one long coat of duvetyn, cut, fitted, stitched, lined, and colared with fur.

The class in cookery was trained in the selection and preparation of foods and in planning of meals from a nutritive, appetizing and economic standpoint. A meal was made the project working up from simple recipes to the point of correct menus. Preservation of foods was included; marmalades and relishes were made in early autumn. Correct table service and table manners were taken up as part of the project.

The work of the algebra class, consisting of young men many of whom are students in the vocational school, was fitted to the needs of the individuals. Some wished to clear up difficulties in back work, while others desired help on problems similar to those of their day work.

Since the pupils enrolling for commercial English—which is merely correct English — were of sufficiently mature minds to understand the importance of good English and to realize that “a man’s speech advertises him to the world,” their attitude was an incentive to both pupils and instructor. The work was of necessity intensive; great care was given to the selection of English text books suitable for evening school work with the result that interest notably increased as the term advanced.

The French and Spanish classes included beginners’, intermediate and advanced work. Both direct and indirect methods were used. Conversation based on readings in class and current events; with systematic drill in grammar and pronunciation were part of the course.

Eight pupils from the eighth grade English and Arithmetic classes will be eligible to enter our commercial classes next year.

At the present time, there are employed at the American Optical Company approximately one hundred boys on the part-time co-operative basis, and it is doubtful if more boys can be absorbed by this company. With an increasing demand for trade training in town, we are faced with the problem of providing such training within the school.

It might be well to consider the establishment of an all day training class for boys just over fourteen years of age and from this class, recruiting the co-operative group who work in the shops. This would enable us to carry a larger number of boys at the same time give some training before entering industry. It would seem to be particularly desirable in the case of textile students where a good deal of the preliminary training could be given to advantage in the school laboratory.

In the Engineering class, one boy secured a third class fireman's license and is now in line to proceed further. The boys forming the two year group, who have been released into the factory under the various foremen have done well. This seems to be a desirable procedure in the case of the older boys as it brings them in contact with industry a little sooner than if they remained in the school shop to complete their training.

It is a pleasure to record the help and encouragement which these boys receive from their superintendents and foreman.

In the shops at the vocational school buildings, a good deal of practical work has been carried on during the year. The boys in the drafting room have designed and drawn a full line of small woodworking machinery, the patterns for these machines have been made by the woodworking class and the machine work has been in our machine shop. A market for these products has been secured and while the returns from such work will show no great amount of financial profit the experience gained by the school in carrying on such work is invaluable. A considerable amount of scientific apparatus has been built, and this added to the care and up-keep of machinery, along with numerous repairs in the school build-

ing has kept all departments busy. A large incinerator was constructed in the school yard for the burning of school refuse and the pump in the boiler room was overhauled.

The electrical class as in previous years, has taken care of all maintenance and installation work in the building also care and up-keep of all motors in the building.

In the shop, work has been carried on as usual and as in previous years we have been fortunate in having plenty to do. Mr. Kingston's machine class has maintained an average of about twenty-five boys for the year and he has succeeded in doing some very commendable work with this group.

The faculty of the school spent one week during the month of July at the Fitchburg teachers conference and much valuable information resulted from attendance at this meeting.

The D. V. Brown gold prize was awarded the school for its exhibit at the Wellsworth Old Home Day parade. Friendly competition in factory affairs tend to make our boys more interested in their work and it is a pleasure to see that the boys throw themselves into these competitions with such enthusiasm.

With the increased membership for the past year, the per capita cost has been lowered so that the actual cost to the town is about equal to that of the other schools.

EVENING TRADE SCHOOL

There are sixty-four men enrolled who are receiving instruction in the following trades: Machine, Drafting, Textile, Mathematics.

All classes have been running as in previous years with a larger attendance than usual in the machine classes. We are handicapped in our evening work by lack of machinery, a sixteen inch lathe, an additional universal milling machine and a planer would enable the school to give better instruction and reach a larger number of pupils. The class in Worsted Yarn Manufacture was discontinued owing to lack of attendance.

There has been a demand for trade extension in wood-working but here again we have been unable to offer instruction owing to lack of suitable equipment.

It has been gratifying to note the interest which the evening trade extension classes have evoked. A large number of men have been materially benefitted by attendance at these classes, many of them having been advanced to positions of greater responsibility.

The content of the courses offered and methods of teaching have been constantly improved. The teachers engaged in this work have given un-grudgingly of their time, in making our evening school successful.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FORBES, Director.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Summer vacation, two weeks. Classes at school close on legal holidays. Classes at factories follow the practice of the American Optical Company and the Hamilton Woolen Company.

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Hector L. Peloquin Mrs. John I. Beck
Mrs. Dudley H. Clarke

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Charles Cornock, Overseer, Drawing, Spinning, Twisting
Carding, Combing.

Machine Division

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A. E. Maynard, Supt. Main Machine Shop, A. O. Co.
Secretary and Executive Officer,
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Machinist Instructors,

Robert S. Kinkston, 67 Coombs St., Tel. 964-W

Herman A. Persson, 156 Eastford Rd., Tel 859-R

Textile Instructor,

Henry B. Holmes, 35 Orchard St., Tel. 434-W

Academic and Electrical Instructor,

Nils Engstrom, 80 Coombs St., Tel. 1135

Drafting Instructor,

Emery Lavallee, 3 Poplar St., Tel. 706-Y

Shop Foreman, Charles Dion

Secretary, Margaret R. Connolly, 38 South St., Tel. 87

SOUTHBRIDGE EVENING TRADE SCHOOL

Vocational High School Building

Tel. 763-W

Southbridge, Mass.

SESSIONS

Monday and Wednesday Evenings from 7 to 9 P. M.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fifty Nights

Classes close on legal holidays

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John L. Rawson, Foreman Machinist, A. O. Co.	
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Adolph Prahm, Foreman Machinist, A. O. Co.	
Industrial Mathematics Instructor,	
Robert S. Kingston, Southbridge Vocational School	
Worsted Manufacture Instructor,	
Henry B. Holmes, Southbridge Vocational School	
Loomfixing Instructor,	
Eugene Lusignan, Third Hand, H. W. Co.	

CONTINUATION SCHOOL

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools

Herewith is submitted the eighth annual report of the Southbridge Continuation School.

The enrollment for the year was 220, 110 boys and 110 girls.

The teaching staff remained the same. This situation made it possible to conduct our work with no interruption.

Our general policy has continued the same as in the past years. We aim to assist minors in making adjustments, social, civic and economic, from their status as full-time school pupils to 14-16 year old wage earning citizens. Emphasis is placed on the development of each student's abilities and powers up to capacity. The last year more than ever the school provided additional means and opportunities wherein boys and girls exercised greater initiative. Problems of vital interest were solved, problems which met desired ends and goals.

The main aim of the domestic science course including sewing, cooking and millinery is to develop in the girls independent abilities that may be put into practice in

their everyday life. In the cooking classes stress is laid upon the fact that health, strength, growth and efficiency depend upon the proper kinds of good food, taken in the right amounts and proportions.

The academic work for the girls is closely related to the courses mentioned above. The planning of a systematic budget for clothing and the home is taught. Topics like food value, cost of menus, budget making, sanitation and value of materials gives an idea of the broad scope of this work.

Work in citizenship for boys and girls emphasizes their civic obligations to the community and their relationship to their employers. The hygiene is taught from the practical and personal standpoint including discussions, as daily habits so conducive to health.

The course in home nursing for the girls continues under the supervision of Miss Winifred King, the school nurse, with increased efforts to enable the girls to be of greater service in the home in assisting parents, to create an interest in the home duties and to fit themselves to give intelligent service in cases of emergency. Emphasis is placed on the fundamentals of home care for the sick and proper care and handling of children, and the importance of preventative measures of sanitation and health in the homes.

The commercial work has come to be one of our most popular courses among those who have at least completed the eighth grade. Many who have taken this course have continued their study in a commercial department of the evening high school.

A course in child training involving the proper methods of teaching a child of pre-school age proper habits and of overcoming bad habits by games, etc. will be soon started under the supervision of Miss Mary Meagher.

As suggested by the State, emphasis is placed on group projects although the individual project still has its place. The introduction of quantitative production to a limited extent results in the making of tables, costumers, book racks, pedestals, etc. for other branches of the school

department. Part of the academic work is closely related to the work of the projects. The boys learn how to figure and estimate costs, to order materials, and to make out stock bills.

The academic work has been made vital by its relation to the work and life of the pupils as revealed in the follow-up work. This follow-up work is still an important function of the school requirements for it brings the school, the home, and the employer in closer contact, with the result that each child is considered in relation to his individual needs. This past year several pupils were encouraged to continue their studies in either regular or Vocational schools and several to take one or more of the State University Extension Courses.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. VANTURA.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools

Classes for Minors and Adult Aliens opened September, 1927 at the Mechanic Street and River Street Evening Schools and continued for thirteen weeks.

Sessions were held at 7 P. M. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Mechanic Street School. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at River Street School.

Classes were conducted at the factories of the American Optical Co. and Hamilton Woolen Co. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. The class hours being 5-6, 6-7, 7-8, each group meeting twice a week for a session of one hour. A Citizenship class at the Continuation School on Monday and Wednesday evenings was well attended. The aim of this class is to prepare aliens who can read and write English for citizenship, by reading, study, and discussion of United State History and Government. Pupils are also assisted in filling out Declaration of Intention and Application for Naturalization papers.

The Mother's Home Class of last year became a recruiting agency for evening school. The seven mothers

registered in that class enrolled in the Evening School and brought seven of their neighbors.

The entire enrollment was 172, certified at the end of factory class 120. The instructors numbered 12, all regular day school teachers.

Instruction was given in Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced English, Arithmetic, History, Penmanship, Sewing. Methods have been revised to meet the needs of new type of immigrant.

The social evenings have been very successful in mingling people of many nationalities with native Americans.

At this time when insidious attacks are being made upon the Constitution by foes from without and within, the friendly helpful attitude toward aliens, the continuance of instruction to enable them to understand the new regulations confronting them at every turn will make them less responsive to propaganda, and enable them to comprehend the liberties vouchsafed to us by our fundamental law.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET G. BUTLER,
Supervisor of Adult Alien Education.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools

I herewith submit my report as School Physician for the year 1927.

Number of children examined	2260
Number of children examined (pre school) ...	108
Number examined for work	44
Number of health certificates	175
Enlarged tonsils and adenoids	535
Goiter	3
Cleft palate	1
Heart irregularities	17
Skin disease	19
Asthma	1
Blepharitis	24

Nystagmus	2
Chronic Otitis Media	7
Poor posture	33
Enlarged cervical glands	154
Anemia	9
Pupils having carious teeth	1222

PRE SCHOOL CLINIC REPORT

Enlarged tonsils	43
Adenoids	51
Poor vision	8
Cleft palate	1
Carious teeth	32

All serious defects were reported to parents, and in cases where it is important, parents were urged to consult with their family physician concerning the nature of the difficulty and the best means of curing it. The nurse spends a large part of her time talking with parents, as a result of this procedure about 200 cases of tonsils and adenoids have been corrected during the year. The value of the nurse in the schools cannot be estimated for the reason that the school nurse supplies the motive force which makes medical inspection effective.

The discovery of defects and diseases is of little use if the result is only the entering of the fact on a card or the exclusion from school.

The commonest of all physical defects among school children is decayed teeth. Cases of dental defectiveness are frequently greater in number than all other sorts of physical defects combined. Moreover, it is probably true that there is no single ailment of school children which is directly or indirectly responsible for so great an amount of misery, disease, and mental and physical handicap. Number having decayed teeth in our schools 1222. Some of these defective teeth are deadly menaces.

Most of the communicable diseases which we have to combat with yearly, could be entirely eliminated if the parents would co-operate and see that the child was given the advantages of the preventative measures which are available, that their health might be conserved and

their school work uninterrupted. Diphtheria may be decreased by toxin antitoxin treatment. Scarlet fever antitoxin, gives the physician control over this disease. Meningitis, smallpox, typhoid fever, whooping cough all have their special antitoxins which when administered intelligently prove effective.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. SIMPSON, M. D.

My dear Mr. Corbin:

The following is a report of my work as School Nurse during the past year:

I have as nearly as possible followed a regular schedule but the varied duties and requirements of the work sometimes make this impossible.

By means of health talks supplemented by posters, colored lantern slides, literature and other devices an effort has been made to teach the importance of cleanliness, eating proper food, sufficient sleep, exercise and fresh air. That the work has not been in vain is manifest in many ways, chiefly, in a large decrease in the number of underweight children in the schools this year as the following comparison with the previous year will show:

	1926		1927	
	Enroll.	% or more und'rw'ght	Enroll.	% or more und'rw'ght
Grammar School	362	67 or 18%	370	65 or 17%
Marcy St. Elementary	317	107 or 33%	354	66 or 16%
Engine Building	65	30 or 46%	71	22 or 30%
School Street	132	41 or 31%	130	29 or 20%
River Street	138	41 or 28%	155	14 or 9%
Mechanic Street	152	36 or 23%	141	18 or 12%
Town Hall	65	14 or 21%	43	4 or 9%
Elm Street	28	6 or 31%	25	12 or 48%
Sandersdale	29	7 or 24%	28	1 or 3%
Dennison	22	11 or 50%	27	1 or 3%
Lebanon	21	6 or 28%	18	3 or 16%

Dr. Millet, State Clinic Physician, re-examined seventeen of our children in June. His report shows all but three improved. Defects in said three have been corrected. We hope the 1928 examination will find all improved.

Miss Robertson of the Worcester County Extension Service visited us in February and finished a course of health talks started the previous year.

There has been a great improvement in the tonsil and adenoid cases and we feel that much credit should be given Dr. Lucy Waite for the clinics held at her home at a great inconvenience to herself and her family. The result of the clinics were most satisfactory, the fees nominal, and many cases no fee at all.

The eye and ear test which is given annually by the teachers show splendid co-operation on the part of the parents. A very small percentage of those having poor vision did not receive treatment.

Pediculosis has been far less frequent this year. Those having pediculi are excluded from school to comply with the Massachusetts State law.

During Health Week which began the first day of May the children of the elementary grades were interested and enthusiastic over the special programs carried out in each class room. These exercises were under the direction of the various teachers and their interest and co-operation was very much appreciated.

The Summer Round Up recommended by the State Department of Health was most successful, over one hundred children who were of age to enter school in September were examined by the School Physician assisted by the nurse. Where defects were found parents were notified and consultation of the family physician advised.

The course in Home Nursing given to the girls of the Continuation School consisted of fifty lessons. A lesson of one hour a day for ten weeks.

The teachers have been asked to watch for defects; when such are reported parents are visited and advised.

It is a source of gratification to feel that the pupils of the High School as well as those of the other schools in the immediate vicinity derive some benefit from the establishment of the daily office hour. Many having availed themselves of the privilege for first aid or advice.

During the year the following cases have been cared for:

	First Aid	Advisory
High School	214	156
Grammar School	189	97
Marcy St. School	84	49
Continuation School	28	7

The following are the number of visits:

School visits	290
Class room visits	709
Class inspection	161
Visits made with School Physician	73
Exclusions	47
Home calls for correction of defects	102
Teachers' consultations	22

Milk is now served in all the schools and while many of the children avail themselves of the opportunity to thus obtain a mid-morning lunch, there are others who do not and who would be greatly benefitted by so doing. Among the latter are some who are unable to pay the small price charged.

The following is the number of one-half pint bottles served in the different schools during the year:

High School	530
Grammar School	11,434
Marcy Street School	13,096
Engine House School	4,120
School Street School	5,067
River Street School	6,810
Mechanic Street School	6,249
Elm Street School	1,704
Town Hall	3,047
Sandersdale	850

Respectfully submitted,

WINIFRED V. KING, R. N.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools,

The thirteenth annual report of the Attendance Department is outlined by the following statistics. Statistics are necessary to indicate work accomplished during period covered by them.

These cold facts however do not measure the human service rendered by an Attendance Department. With the teacher sustaining interest in daily lessons, the doctor and nurse safeguarding the health of children, the attendance supervisor checking up closely the child conspicuous by his absence, non-attendance should decrease.

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

Persons 5 years of age or over, and under 7	535
Persons 7 years of age or over, and under 14	2156
Persons 14 years of age or over, and under 16	531
Illiterate minors 16 yrs. of age or over and under 21	36

INVESTIGATION OF ABSENCES

Number of cases investigated for grades in public and private schools	1256
Absences caused by illness of children, illness in the child's family, legitimate excuses, lack of necessary clothing, Truancy and Indifference to School Laws:—	
Evening School cases	18
Cases for home permits	25
Cases investigated for Immigration authorities	1
Cases concerning street trades	39
Cases reported to Attendance Officer not found (left town or moved elsewhere in town)	8
Number of children found at home not registered at school of school age	8
Children found on streets	17
Cases of children found at home between ages of 14-16	7
Excused from attendance by School Physician	3
Children found working unlawfully	20
Children found on streets, school absentees from other towns	5
Cases reported to the Public Health Nurse	2

Cases reported to the School Nurse	15
Cases of misconduct on streets, in stores and in school	18
Visits to shops, factories, stores, to investigate employment of minors	5
Cases investigated for Continuation School	4
Number of visits to schools, public and private	650
Outside calls	5
Sent to school at Belchertown	2
Number of disease notifications received from the Board of Health, referred to principals of schools	29
Number of milk lunches furnished needy children ..	315
Number of families assisted by clothing, etc.	12
Number of children between ages of 14 to 16 for whom employment was found	5

PUPILS WITHDRAWN FROM SCHOOL

Number of pupils moved into Southbridge	57
Number of pupils moved from Southbridge during school sessions	68
Number of pupils transferred from private schools to public schools in town during school sessions	8
Number of pupils transferred from public schools to private schools in town during school sessions	18
Number of pupils transferred from public schools to public schools during school sessions	35

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Educational, 16-21 literate	565
Educational, 16-21 illiterate	28
Educational, temporary	3
Employment between 14-16	124
Home Permits	18
Special	10
Newsboys' badges	43

Total number of certificates issued 791

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET G. BUTLER.

ROLL OF HONOR

Perfect Attendance 1926-1927

FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

	School	Grade	Age
Elsie Hofstra	High		17

FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Anna Misiaszek	High		16
Louise Skinner	High		13

THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

James Brown	High		16
Martha Lord	High		16
Flora Tait	High		15
Claire McGrath	Marcy Elementary	VI	12
Stacia Kozlowski	Marcy Elementary	II	10

TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Eunice Hubbell	High		15
Jeanne LaRochelle	High		17
Albert LePain	High		18
Raymond Lippe	High		17
Veronica Mannix	High		20
Joseph Misiaszek	High		17
Aline Monnette	High		18
Claudia Quevillon	High		15
John True	High		14
Philippina DiAngelis	Marcy Elementary	VI	10
Elena Silvestri	Marcy Elementary	V	10
Edmond Bastek	River Street	III	8
Victoria Chmiel	River Street	III	7

ONE YEAR

Robert Anderson	High		17
Helen Anderson	High		17
Robert Arpin	High		16
William Benvenuti	High		17
Stanley Boksa	High		14
Rudolph Brzeis	High		13
Susanne Carion	High		16
Viola Carpenter	High		17
Louise Dani	High		15
Antonio Detarando	High		17
Irene Duclos	High		14

	School	Grade	Age
Oswald Gregoire	High		15
Stephen Haynes	High		18
George Johnson	High		13
Jessie Justice	High		
Mitchel Kaprowski	High		13
Henry Kosakowski	High		14
Stefanie Kozyra	High		14
Mary Rose Lefleche	High		15
Nelson LaPointe	High		15
Aime Lataille	High		15
Dorothy Macallister	High		16
Katena Manthue	High		14
James McKay	High		14
Iola Morse	High		15
Katherine Ohlwiler	High		16
Wanda Orzech	High		15
Origene Paquette	High		16
Dorothy Pezzetti	High		16
Viola Pinsonneault	High		16
Stanley Prantkielwicz	High		17
Leona Raiche	High		14
John Remian	High		15
Irene Renaud	High		15
Blanche Richard	High		15
Mildred Sprague	High		15
Lucinda St. Martin	High		15
Elizabeth St. Onge	High		16
Unabel Tetreault	High		15
Edward Walsh	High		16
Doris Whitehead	High		17
Walter Bastek	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Lillian Hamel	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Mabel Sandgren	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Steffie Ankiewicz	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Dorothy Monroe	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Aline Larochelle	Marcy Grammar	VIII	14
Henry Liach	Marcy Grammar	VIII	14
Alban Delage	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Tadeus Kosakowski	Marcy Grammar	VIII	12
Joseph Remion	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13

	School	Grade	Age
Beatrice Girouard	Marcy Grammar	VIII	12
Jeannette Theriault	Marcy Grammar	VIII	12
Mildred Wriston	Marcy Grammar	VIII	14
George Wood	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Doris Mathieu	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
Dorothy LaBelle	Marcy Grammar	VII	13
Celia Pezzetti	Marcy Grammar	VII	11
Lorraine Tremblay	Marcy Grammar	VII	13
Joseph Damian	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
Camella Camiloni	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
Nellie Chemelowski	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
Alice Darling	Marcy Grammar	VII	13
Sophia Jaczek	Marcy Grammar	VII	11
Adela Lucyniak	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
Josephine Molini	Marcy Grammar	VII	11
Frances Stypulkowski	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
William Hofstra	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
Alfred St. Pierre	Marcy Grammar	VII	14
Vangel Themistocles	Marcy Grammar	VII	13
Dorothy Hunt	Marcy Grammar	VII	13
John Kermack	Marcy Grammar	VII	14
Labuda Mieczyslaw	Marcy Grammar	VII	13
Clara McMaster	Marcy Grammar	VII	11
Wanda Slota	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
Rosario Labonte	Marcy Grammar	VI	14
Ernest Morin	Marcy Grammar	VI	12
Virginia Detarando	Marcy Grammar	VI	13
Lucille Monroe	Marcy Grammar	VI	11
Eunice Robidoux	Marcy Grammar	VI	12
Gertrude Champagne	Marcy Grammar	VI	11
Lucy Romano	Marcy Grammar	VI	9
Harry Proulx	Marcy Grammar	VI	14
Odilon Lavoie	Marcy Grammar	VI	12
Ruth Paul	Marcy Grammar	VI	11
Nellie Detarando	Marcy Elementary	V	12
Wanda Kozlowski	Marcy Elementary	V	10
Leandro Malagrida	Marcy Elementary	V	14
Edna Abrahamson	Marcy Elementary	V	11
Ida Bonaventura	Marcy Elementary	V	13
Alice Miller	Marcy Elementary	V	10

	School	Grade	Age
Ludvig Szlosek	Marcy Elementary	V	11
Ernest Chiocca	Marcy Elementary	V	9
Gerhard Kuehn	Marcy Elementary	V	11
Joseph McKay	Marcy Elementary	V	12
John Szlosek	Marcy Elementary	V	13
Mary Dani	Marcy Elementary	V	10
Elda Luponi	Marcy Elementary	V	9
Doris Robidoux	Marcy Elementary	V	11
Theodora Vesho	Marcy Elementary	V	12
Charles Lamothe	Marcy Elementary	IV	13
Emma DiMarco	Marcy Elementary	IV	8
Leona Golletto	Marcy Elementary	IV	12
Jennie Kozlowski	Marcy Elementary	IV	9
Stanley Wilson	Marcy Elementary	IV	9
Walter Rewinski	Marcy Elementary	IV	10
William Southall	Marcy Elementary	IV	9
Dora Carpenter	Mechanic Street	IV	13
Alden Collings	Mechanic Street	IV	9
Arbell Carrier	Mechanic Street	IV	10
Mary Detarando	Mechanic Street	IV	8
Ellen DiGregorio	Mechanic Street	IV	9
Viola Langlais	Mechanic Street	IV	8
Alfreda Pasay	Mechanic Street	IV	10
Emma Hofstra	School Street	IV	8
Alfred Horr	School Street	IV	10
Stanley Lescowski	School Street	IV	9
Walter Remion	School Street	IV	9
Michael Slota	School Street	IV	8
George Taylor	School Street	IV	11
William Comeau	River Street	IV	12
Mario DiAngelis	Marcy Elementary	III	9
Grace Darling	Marcy Elementary	III	8
Bertha Paul	Marcy Elementary	III	9
Alex Polomski	Marcy Elementary	III	9
Nichola Starne	Marcy Elementary	III	11
Josephine Boksa	Marcy Elementary	III	9
Nello Antiposti	Mechanic Street	III	10
Archie Champagne	Mechanic Street	III	10
Carmela Luponi	Mechanic Street	III	9
Dorothy Bliss	School Street	III	9

	School	Grade	Age
Jeannette Waskiewicz	Marcy Elementary	II	7
Xanthy Vesho	Marcy Elementary	II	7
Lawrence Hutchinson	Marcy Elementary	II	8
Romeo Belanger	Mechanic Street	II	13
Carol Pasay	Mechanic Street	II	7
Thomas Tobia	Mechanic Street	II	7
John Zuiss	Mechanic Street	II	8
Frances Olinski	Mechanic Street	II	8
Allan Evans	School Street	II	7
Karl Jowett	School Street	II	8
Stasha Jeramenik	School Street	II	7
Jeannette Milczewski	School Street	II	8
Doris Bourassa	River Street	II	6
Peter Grudzien	River Street	II	7
Stanley Kurposka	River Street	II	7
Edward Oblochynski	River Street	II	7
Stasia Skowron	River Street	II	8
Stanley Abrahamson	Mechanic Street	I	6
Cari Tucci	Mechanic Street	I	7
William Damian	School Street	I	7
Desange Chamberland	River Street	I	6
Georgette Lamprey	River Street	I	6
Gertrude Maciekoviz	River Street	I	6
Joseph Migola	River Street	I	6
Rafiela Mogavero	River Street	I	6
Jennie Mogavero	River Street	I	C
Irene Darzenkeiwicz	Town Hall	I	7
Marion Jones	Town Hall	I	6
Ellen Kozlowski	Town Hall	I	7
Eugene Rischitelli	Town Hall	I	6
Ralph Flag	Town Hall	I	6
Ugo DiAngelis	Elm Street	I	6
Albert Bellerive	Elm Street	I	6
Armand Derouin	Elm Street	I	6
Edwin Ohop	Sandersdale		

 EVENING SCHOOLS

May Blakely	High	Wadyslaw Darzenkiewicz	
Julia Coughlin	High		Mechanic
Lillian Jacques	High	Ovila Tremblay	Mechanic
Antoinette Lippe	High	Stella Domian	River
Elias Peters	High	Mary Saletnik	River
Vangel Sotir	High	Agnes Slota	River
Mrs. Mary Kozlowski	Mechanic	Joseph Lemoine	River
Mrs. Petronela Kaszynski			
	Mechanic		

